

Patent claims

1. A wheelchair having two driven wheels (40) and at least one castor (1) which is mounted in a rotatable manner in a fork (2) which can be pivoted about a vertical axis (H), the fork (2) being connected to a steering linkage (3, 3', 30), wherein the connection between the fork (2) and the steering linkage (3, 3', 30) is releasable.
2. The wheelchair as claimed in claim 1, wherein two castors (1, 1a) each mounted in a fork (2, 2a) are provided, the forks (2, 2a) being connected to one another via the steering linkage (3, 3', 30, 3'', 3a).
3. The wheelchair as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the fork (2, 2a) is mounted such that it can be rotated about the vertical axis (H).
4. The wheelchair as claimed in claim 3, wherein the fork (2, 2a) is mounted such that it can be rotated through 360°.
5. The wheelchair as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the forks (2, 2a) can be blocked mechanically in relation to the steering linkage (3, 3', 30, 3'', 3a).
6. The wheelchair as claimed in claim 5, wherein the forks (2, 2a) are blocked in the straight-ahead position of the castors (1, 1a).
7. The wheelchair as claimed in one or more of the preceding claims, wherein the fork (2, 2a) is mounted, via a fork pin (4), in a bushing (5) connected to a frame (20).
8. The wheelchair as claimed in claim 5 or 6, which comprises a bolt (12) which can be pushed, transversely

to the vertical axis (H), into a recess (13) provided in the fork pin (4).

9. The wheelchair as claimed in claim 8, wherein the
5 bolt (12) can be displaced counter to the force of a compression spring (14).

10. The wheelchair as claimed in claim 8, wherein the
bolt (12) can be displaced via a pivot-lever
10 arrangement (7, 8, 10).

11. The wheelchair as claimed in claim 8, wherein the
bolt (12) can be displaced via a linearly displaceable
lever (15), a pivot lever (8) acting on the lever (15).
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12. The wheelchair as claimed in claim 11, wherein the
lever (15) is provided with a run-on slope (16), which
interacts with a radial shoulder (12a) provided on the
bolt (12).
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13. The wheelchair as claimed in claim 11, wherein the
pivot lever (8) is mounted on a spindle (9) connected
to the bushing (5).

25 14. The wheelchair as claimed in claim 8, wherein the
pivot lever (8) has a rounded protuberance at its front
end.